MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 1924.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, Annapolis, November 20, 1924.

Present: Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptreller
John M. Dennis, Treasurer

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Act of 1924, Chapter 280, the Governor, Comptroller, of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore American, the first insertion to bear date of January 5th, 1925, and the last insertion to bear date of February 7th, 1925, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer, at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday February 1lth, 1925, bids for \$275,000.00 bonds to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for February 1st thing per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 0'Clock noon on Wednesday, February 1st th, 1925.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of February, 1925, and they shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of August and February, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000.each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 16th day of February, 1925. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said lean, or separate, bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and such bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared, bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of rent of offices of State departments in the M. & M. Building, 22 Light St., Baltimore, because of the confusion existing in the arrangements for paying the rent. The Board authorized the Comptroller to transfer from the accounts of the State Employment Commission, The Central Purchasing Bureau, The Bureau of Mines and the various State hospitals and training schools having quarters in that building, the amounts included in the budgets for fiscal years 1925, 1926 and 1927, for rent of those offices, to the Rent account of the Board of Public Works, so that the matter of rent may be handled entirely by the Board.

The plans and specifications submitted by the <u>Maryland Training</u> <u>School for Boys</u> for work authorized to be done by the General Construction Loan of 1924, issue of Aug. 15, 1924, were approved, preliminary approval having been given previously by each member individually.

The Secretary submitted a statement showing the <u>account</u> of the <u>Board of Public Works</u> with the Comptroller's Office, which was approved. The statement was for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1924, and follows:

Item	Name	Balance 1923	Appro. 1924	Total Credits	Disbursed	Balance
1	Secretary	10,75	1500.00	1500.00	1087.50	412.50
2	Stenographer	375.00	1200.00	1575.00	700.00	875.00
3	Rent		12000.00	12000.00	14429.64	2429.64*
4	Contingent Fund	328.09	5000.00	5328.09	5328.09	1730.68
5	State Off. Sup. &	Sta. 958.74	3000.00	3958.74	527.23	3431.51
6	Water	1270.21	2000.00	3270.21	714.35	2555.86
7	Telegraph & Teleph	none	700.00	700.00	692.06	7.94
8	Fire Dept. of Anna	apo	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	
9	Ground Rent, Tob. W	Whs	448.11	448.11	448.11	
10	Rent, Safe Dep.Box		500.00	741.25	355.00	386.25

Credits to the appropriation, other than in the budget, consisted of \$233.00, of which \$200.00 went to item No. 4, and \$33.00 to item No. 5, increasing balances accordingly. The \$2,429.64 in the rent account is a deficiency in that account. The budget was amended at the close of the fiscal year to transfer the net balance to Item No. 4, causing that item to show a credit of \$9,069.83.

The Board authorized Mr. James A. Young, Clerk of the Court of Appeals to have the walls of his offices painted, at a cost of \$955.00 to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.